Fellow Programme in Management (FPM), Part-time Post Graduate Programme in Software Enterprise Management (PGSM) and Post Graduate Programme in Public Policy and Management (PGPPM).

The annual intake of PGP, FPM, PGSM and PGPPM is 200, 20, 120 and 30 students, respectively in each course. The Government has not given any grant to IIM, Bangalore during 2003-04.

The fee being charged by the Institute is Rs. 1.5 lakh each for PGP and PGSM, Rs. 2.00 lakh for PGPPM and no fee is charged for FPM.

At the time of admission in the Institute no preference is given to Karnataka candidates. The Institute proposes to increase the intake in PGSM upto 45 students in distance class mode from the year 2004. Further, in PGP and PGPPM by 60 and 15 students from the year 2005.

Fee structure in IIMs

†205. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on Government's instructions the annual fees for the students in IIMs was reduced to Rs. 30,000/-;

(b) whether Government, Semi-Government and Private Sector institutions had refused to accept the fee structure proposed by Government; and

(c) if so, the initiatives taken by Government for safeguarding interests of the meritorious poor students and implementing instructions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court so that the teaching standards of such institutions could be maintained and interest of the poor students could be taken careof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Government had decided *vide* orders dated 5th February, 2004 that the fees for the Post-Graduate Programmes (PGP) in the Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) be fixed at Rs. 30,000/- per annum from the academic session 2004-05 and that no other charges/fees should be levied from the students except for mess charges that would be payable by the students separately. The said orders were not applicable for Semi-Government and Private Sector institutions.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

At the instance of the Government, all the six Indian institutes of management (IIMs) at Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Kolkata, Lucknow, Indore and Kozhikode have decided that:

(i) The Institutes will ensure that no student faces any difficulty in pursuing education at the Institute for want of financial resources;

(ii) The fees charged by the Institutes in the year 2003-04 will be continued in the session starting June, 2004;

(iii) All the IIMs will provide a need-based financial assistance scheme to both the first and second year students;

(iv) All students admitted, whose annual gross family income is Rs. 2 lakh and below, will be eligible for receiving financial assistance amounting upto full tuition fee waiver; and

(v) The IIMs will consider, in appropriate cases, supporting the students beyond the tuition fee waiver. Apart from the tuition fee, the expenditure by students on hostel and mess charges can also be waived.

The IIMs are empowered to take all the decisions regarding fee structure. Thus, they have taken a decision safeguarding interests of the meritorious poor students and also maintaining the teaching standards. The Government has accepted the said decision and withdrawn its orders dated 5th February, 2004 reducing the fees to Rs. 30,000/-, *vide* orders dated 29th June, 2004.

Deemed University status to educational institutions in Karnataka

206. SHRI K. B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many educational institutions have been given status of Deemed University so far;

(b) out of these the number of such institutions in Karnataka;

(c) the number of applications for conferring Deemed University status sent to Government by the State Government; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to confer Deemed University status to the educational institutions as recommended by the State Government?